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| Water   | Exhibit                                 | Promotion   | ☐ Tariff                  |
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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of Rider 9,

**Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency for 2018** 

Docket No. 2017-65-E: Comments

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Wal-Mart Stores East, LP and Sam's East, Inc. (collectively, "Walmart"), timely filed a Petition to Intervene in this case on April 7, 2017, which was granted by South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") Directive Order issued on April 19, 2017. By way of this letter, Walmart provides limited Comments (due on this date per the Commission Directive issued September 17, 2014, Docket No. 2013-92-A, Order No. 2014-766).

Walmart has reviewed Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC" or "Company") filing and supporting documentation, and has no objection to DEC's proposed changes. Walmart also notes that DEC proposes to maintain, without change, the opt-out provisions of Rider EE. Walmart strongly supports the opt-out concept in light of Walmart's extensive, self-funded energy efficiency ("EE")/demand-side management ("DSM") efforts; however, as Walmart explained in its Petition to Intervene in this matter, it believes that consideration should be given to modify DEC's "opt-out" procedures (Rider EE(SC), page 3 of 4) so that they are consistent with the opt-out procedures embodied in the Duke Energy Progress ("DEP") tariff in South Carolina (Rider DSM/EE-8, Sheet 1 of 2), which Walmart believes are more efficient. In that regard, Walmart has raised this issue with DEC, and Walmart affirms its willingness and desire to work cooperatively with DEC and the Office of Regulatory Staff to evaluate harmonizing the DEC and DEP opt-out processes in the future.

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By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record via Electronic Mail and/or First-Class Mail. Please contact us if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

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